

BRADDOCK ROCK IS BEING NEGLECTED

Vandals Have Stolen Rail
Erected by Dames.

LIES WITH NAVY OFFICIALS

Spot Is in Their Jurisdiction, and
Safety of Any Work Their
Responsibility.

The Colonial Dames of the District of Columbia stand ready to protect the historic Braddock rock by erecting a fence of iron on foundations of granite, but they desire some assurance that their work will not be destroyed by vandals. In other words, they want protection for their protection.

Something, it appears, must be done to save the rock, for the Navy Department has determined to fill in the depression in Waters street, where the rock stands, and where General Braddock, on his way with Washington to the Ohio, is said to have landed. The Colonial Dames, through a committee headed by Mrs. Anne McLane Cropper, are now taking up the matter with the authorities.

Origin of Efforts.

Of the activity of the society in the past, Mrs. Cropper said: "In 1899, the Colonial Dames of the District of Columbia became interested in this historic spot. The committee appointed by the society investigated and found the rock to be on the grounds of the Museum of Hygiene. They applied to this department and received permission to protect the landmark in such manner as they desired."

"Through Miss Woodberry, one of the committee, the iron railing which surrounded Riggs Bank was given to the Society of Colonial Dames to use in protecting the rock until such time as a monument could be erected. At an expense of over \$100, the Colonial Dames of the District laid a foundation and coping, upon which was placed the fence, and had a bronze plate made to fasten on the rock. Mr. Manning, who did the work, advised the committee not to affix the plate at this time."

In a few weeks the fence began to disappear and in a short time every bit of the work which was visible had been stolen.

"The Colonial Dames of the District stand ready and anxious as soon as the Government can offer protection to them to do every thing possible to mark this historic spot."

District Has No Power.

The question of preserving Braddock Rock was brought to the attention of Engineer Commissioner Biddle several days ago by the Society of Colonial Dames, who sought his intervention. Commissioner Biddle found by communicating with the Navy Department that the site came within the grounds of the United States Naval Observatory, over which the District authorities have no jurisdiction. Commissioner Biddle then suggested that to give protection to the rock a suitable iron fence be erected by the society and the grounds given over to the care of the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds, which would insure proper protection and preservation.

As the matter now stands, the District Commissioners, although recognizing the interest in the rock, will take no steps to preserve it, but will leave it entirely to the hands of the Navy Department or to private persons.

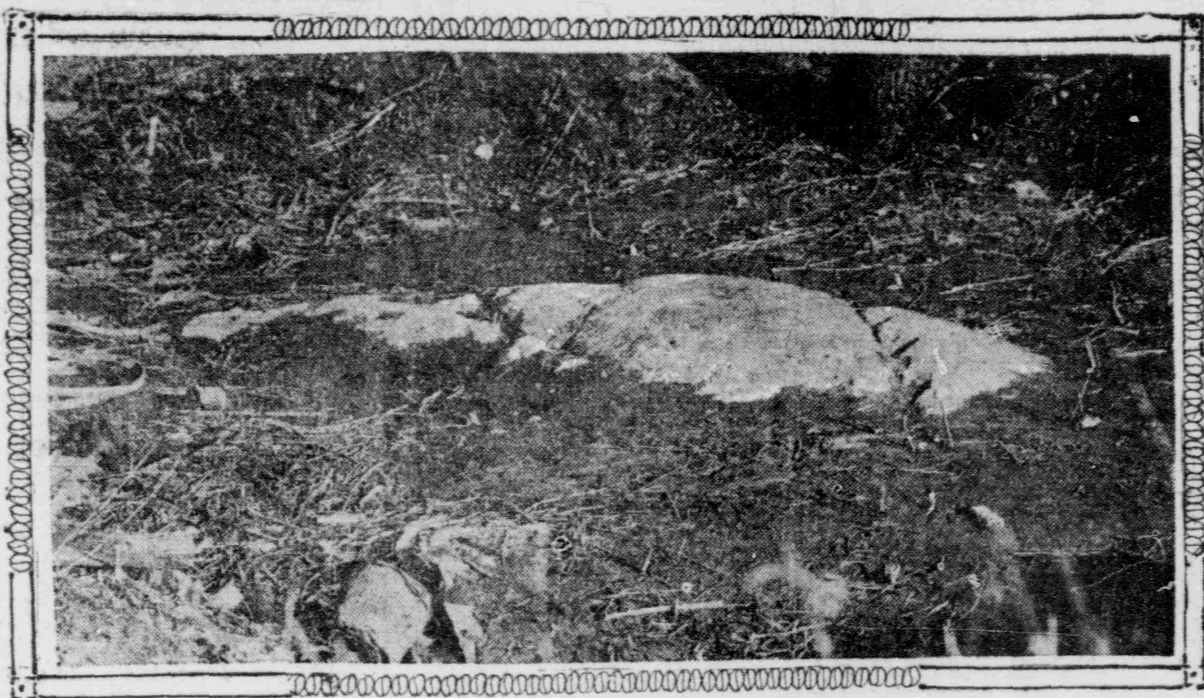
LACE CURTAINS CATCH FIRE.

Lace curtains and a lighted gas jet caused a slight fire in the home of Mrs. Slater, 138 State street, northwest, about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Members of No. 1 Engine Company extinguished the flames after about \$15 damage had been occasioned.

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HISTORIC LANDMARK WITHOUT PROTECTION



The Old Braddock Rock, in Water Street, Upon Which the English General Once Landed on His Way to Ohio With General Washington.

Death of Girl Laid To Vice in Chicago

No One Safe in Windy City Is Declaration of
Mexican Consul, Whose Young Daughter
Died Very Mysteriously.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—"My daughter was killed by the immorality of Chicago. She was as pure as any other girl. We thought her safe, but no one is safe in this savage town. I can suspect no one of being the cause of our terrible misfortune—I know no one that she knew."

Suddenly aged with grief, haggard and trembling from lack of sleep, Felipe Berriozabal, Mexican man of wealth and refinement and consular representative in Chicago, stood in the confusion of his dismantled home and told of the mysterious murder that has taken his favorite daughter Mercedes, fifteen years old, from the family.

The Berriozabals will flee Chicago forever, aghast at the sudden tragedy that has thrown a shadow over their lives. Señor Berriozabal, who long was prominent in the capital city of his country, is the son of a famous general in the Spanish and Mexican armies. His ancestry is evident in the Latin type of his face and figure and in the passionate grief he cannot conceal when he dwells on the death of his daughter in Wesley Hospital.

Peril Too Great.

"I cannot allow my family to stay in Chicago longer," he said sardonically. "After this thing the quiet and comparative crudity of the Mexican schools appeal to me a thousand times more strongly than does an American education, with its danger to life and honor. My wife and children are going back to Mexico. I cannot go," he added, sinking into a chair and burying his face in his hands.

The father's reference to education arose from the fact that he came with his family to this country that his children might have the advantage of the better school facilities here. It was with this object in mind that he secured his appointment as consul in Chicago. The preparations for moving the family have been completed and the body of Mercedes will be accompanied to Mexico by the others.

The father is likely to bring about a system of control or supervision over the numerous "hotels" in the loop district, which are responsible for much vice, according to the authorities. Action of this sort was foreshadowed by Coroner Hoffman, who said he would

ask the coroner's jury in the Berriozabal case to recommend more strict scrutiny of these places.

May Have Been Drugged.

Incidental to the discussion of the hotel, the police theory and that of the bereaved consul is that if one of these figures in the affair a drug may have been employed to make the girl a victim. However, nothing of the kind was admitted by Mercedes.

The girl carried the secret of her death to the grave, and left a mystery that in certain phases has never been paralleled, according to Coroner Hoffman and the police experts. To her weeping mother beside the hospital cot when Mercedes breathed her last, she not only refused to name any man as responsible, but insisted with her dying strength that there was none to name. Parents, schoolmates, and acquaintances of the victim never knew her to have had male friends or companions.

The usual espionage of the Mexican and Spanish home over its daughter's movements was maintained, even after she had entered the Hyde Park High School, and the authorities are without a clue pointing with any degree of conclusiveness to any person.

Only two clues of value are in possession of the officials, and these are conclusions to which days of investigating have failed to add any additional information. It is known that the girl regularly, for the past six months had gone downtown on Saturdays and did not return until late in the evening. She was always in the company of an operation which seemed to have been too crude to have been performed by any physician. In the hope of saving her life, Dr. Bayard Holmes, Champlain building, subsequently performed two operations at Wesley Hospital, where he sent the girl.

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Asks Doctor's Aid.

One of the letters received adds further to the mystery of the case. It was from former Alderman Henry S. Finch, 282 Michigan avenue, and said a physician friend of his had told him of a call three weeks ago by a girl re-

FARMERS TO BOYCOTT TOWN IF AUTOS SPEED

JUNCTION CITY, Kan., Feb. 19.—A petition signed by more than 250 farmers has been addressed to automobile owners of this city. The farmers ask that more care be taken by owners of machines when meeting or passing conveyances on country roads.

Accidents, in which several persons have been killed from their wagons and seriously hurt, inspired the petition. The farmers declare that if their wishes are not complied with they will not only bring civil and criminal prosecutions against offenders, but that they will boycott the town.

The thirty autos in the city are owned mostly by merchants and professional men, who draw their revenues largely from farmers.

Mercedes had the appearance of a woman several years older than she was. She was lighthearted and carefree, and her more sedate sister, Carmen, frequently chided her for not being more demure. She attended the Hyde Park branch high school until February of this year, when she was promoted to the second-year class and transferred to the main school. Principal Loomis declares that she was a most attentive pupil and never cared for the frivolities or flirtations which interest girls of that age.

At various times in the past two years and regularly for six months Mercedes had gone to Dr. Elmer E. Lambert, Venetian building, to have her teeth straightened. Dr. Lambert says he never gave her gas or any other drug, and that his assistant, Blanch Nielsen, was always in the office.

The post-mortem examination by Dr. Warren H. Hunter, coroner's physician, showed that the girl died as the result of an operation which seemed to have been too crude to have been performed by any physician. In the hope of saving her life, Dr. Bayard Holmes, Champlain building, subsequently performed two operations at Wesley Hospital, where he sent the girl.

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"It is the most baffling case that has ever come in my years of police experience," said Inspector Hunt. "In contrast with nearly every police case there is something to work on, but we were handicapped at the outset, of course, by the girl's denials. At any rate, we shall keep at it until the last hope is gone. There is always a chance for success through some accidental clue, though I admit that each hint thus far has led us against a stone wall."

Sumptuous Dinner to Be Made of Chemicals

Only Real Viands at Feast
Will Be Meats.

BANQUET UNIQUE CONCEIT

Professor Will Reveal Fallacy of Pure
Foods Before Eyes of Scientific Guests.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—A "chemical dinner" will be given by Prof. Thomas A. Stillman, M. Sc., Ph. D., director of the chemical laboratories in the Stevens Institute of Technology, on Wednesday evening in the Hotel Astor. With the exception of the meats and the cigars, everything served will be prepared on the spot from chemicals by the professor.

A Dinner Unique.

The dinner promises to be unique. It is asserted that no dinner so remarkable in every way ever has been held, and that it is certain to attract the attention of scientific men in all parts of the world. Prof. Stillman's object is to demonstrate how "substitute" food products which are absolutely spurious may be put on the market to be sold as genuine foods which will furnish sustenance. He asserts that his chemical compounds, even those employing aniline and sulphuric acid, are harmless. That's what the beef trust says about boric acid on meats. The professor will entertain as his two guests James E. Howell and Henry Goodrich, both of this city, who have been profoundly interested in Dr. Stillman's work.

Chemical Martini Cocktail.

The technical name used by Prof. Stillman is "synthetic dinner." This signifies that the various food products served will be compounded directly by chemical combination. The first item will be a Martini cocktail. It will be made of a combination of alcohol, saccharine, aniline, ice, and a touch of aniline yellow. Real oysters will be used in the oyster cocktail, but the sauce will come from Prof. Stillman's magic bottles. The sauce will have a natural tomato color and will be guaranteed by the professor to possess as much keen relish as the natural sauce. Sauterne wine will be a laboratory product. Green turtle soup will be flavored with chemicals. "Biscuit, synthetic" will be made with the soup. This new biscuit will be made of starch, cream of tartar, distilled water, salt, saccharine, butter, and a touch of aniline yellow. The substitute, Prof. Stillman's buttermilk will be made of oleo oil, lard, milk, salt, and carrotin. As a sauce for the roast plumage there will be artificial currant jelly, flavored and colored without the use of a single currant. As a salad chemical sauce will be poured over a Mexican pear. Prof. Stillman said that if he had desired to lengthen the dinner he could compound the pear flavor.

Artificial Ice Cream.

Sherbet and vanilla ice cream will be artificial. A chemical will give the sherbet a raspberry flavor. Triple refined cottonseed oil will be the chief compound in the ice cream, "substitute" coffee will be made of ground chicory, wheat, peas, several other cereals, and some of the coffee bean itself. Creme de menthe will be substituted by the distillation of a mixture of peppermint, sage, cinnamon, orris root, ginger, and alcohol (90 per cent), with a bit of green aniline to give the regulation color.

The product on which Prof. Stillman prides himself is an artificial cognac, made by the distillation of coconut oil, alcohol and sulphuric acid. In the process of distilling, which will be done at the dinner, Prof. Stillman will use 1,500 watts of electricity.

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VOLUNTARY PRISONER WON'T ACCEPT BAIL

In Jail for Libel Merchant Quotes Constitution and Refuses Aid of Friends.

WHITE PLAINS, Feb. 19.—William Simon, a merchant of Tarrytown, is a voluntary prisoner in the Westchester county jail. Simon was indicted by the Westchester grand jury on a charge of criminal libel made against him by John W. Free, Simon's landlord, and lawyer Frank V. Millard, who alleged that he placed large placards in his show windows containing malicious statements about them.

After Assistant District Attorney Weeks had Simon held in \$1,000 bail, two of his friends came to White Plains for the purpose of giving surety for him, but when they visited him in jail he refused his liberty. Simon's pretty daughter also pleaded in vain with him to go home.

"I won't satisfy the authorities by accepting bail," he said. "I intend to stay right here and fight it out. The Constitution guarantees to every man the right of free speech, and I defy any man to show me that I have committed an illegal act."

The clothier vented his spite on his landlord by displaying a new placard in his show window. The placard read: "District Attorney Young as 'the plaintiff' in the case of Simon vs. Free and Millard, who placed a large cake in his front window with the purpose of announcing that it would be presented to the 'biggest crook' in Tarrytown who received the biggest vote of his customers."

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ALL SILK COLORED TAFFETA—19 inches wide. This taffeta represents one of the best standard makes of colored taffetas in the market; we bought it, however, with the understanding that we would not use the maker's name. The price everywhere is 59c a yard. We have it in the following colors:

White,	Nile,	2 shades Gray,
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Cream,	Old Rose,	Black,
Ciel,	Roseda,	Brown,
Pink,	Garnet,	Mauve.

This lot of goods was expected in time for today's business, but they did not arrive until today, and will be on sale tomorrow.

Please do not associate this taffeta with the many so-called taffetas so generally sold today. This cloth is absolutely all silk; every yard guaranteed. A yard.....

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